

CAH/53/844

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RE: Our CAH/53/756 of 2-10-53.

SUBJECT: The "Soziale Bewegung" in Austria.

1. We have now received a report which confirms the contents of the article taken from the Dutch newspaper "Gelderlander" of 8-10-53 which was attached to our above-mentioned letter.
2. This reports states that ex-major Hans LORENZ, shortly before the elections in Austria of February 1953, broke away from the "Nationale Liga" and announced himself as the "Führer" of the "Osterreichische National-Republicaner". The "Nationale Liga" which is communist-minded and which recruits its support from among the ex-Nazi's, has been founded by the ex-S.S.er Dr. Adolf SLAVIK. The Liga issues a paper which is called the "Osterreichischer Beobachter".
3. The "Osterreichische National-Republicaner" suffered a defeat in the elections and disappeared. "Führer" LORENZ however, appeared as "Führer" of the "Osterreichische Soziale Bewegung" which is affiliated to the "Nationale Liga". The "Soziale Bewegung" which can be considered as a crypto-communist organisation, has its seat in the Russian sector of Vienna. It has only a few members.
4. Your comments will be appreciated.

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